Message from the Dean

40th Anniversary celebration

The last few months have witnessed the highlights of the 40th Anniversary celebration of the Faculty. Three anniversary dinners were held, one in Hong Kong, one in Beijing, and one in Shenzhen. Each of them impressed me in different ways. The 40th Anniversary Dinner in Hong Kong took place at the Loke Yew Hall. It was nice to see so many alumni and former colleagues and supporters of the Faculty. Professor John Rear, Mr Bernard Downay and Mrs Marjorie Evans flew all the way from UK to join us. Our Guests of Honour included the former Chief Justice, the Secretary for Justice, the Chairman of the Bar, the President of the Law Society, the Representative of the Legal Functional Constituency, the President of HKU Law Alumni Association, and of course, our Vice-Chancellor Professor Lap-chee Tsui and Pro-Vice-Chancellor Professor S P Chow. Also attending were Mr Justice Litton, L, NPJ, who founded the Hong Kong Law Journal in 1971, and Mr Denis Chang SC, who succeeded Mr Justice Litton as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal. It was a warm and cosy evening. We chatted away the hours, with lots of laughter and fond memories, and no one wanted to leave even when the dinner was long over.

The Anniversary Dinner in Beijing was attended mainly by our Master of Common Law (MCL) graduates most of whom are Government officials. Believe it or not, we have over 600 graduates from the Mainland already, many holding key positions in different government departments. Some of them came from Tianjin or other far away places just for the dinner. From their updates I realised that many of them have been doing very well, and a number of them are already at the secretary level and in a position to effect changes to the system. When I addressed the audience on the stage, I was touched, as I feel I can see the future of China.

Most of the alumni members at the Dinner in Shenzhen were judges. In
the Shenzhen People’s Court alone 99 judges are our graduates. Many of them are division heads and are eager to learn more about our civil justice reform! Credit should go to my predecessor Professor Albert Chen, who had the insight of introducing the MCL programme during his deanship. This is the 14th year of this programme, and we are beginning to feel the impact of this programme on the development of the rule of law and the legal system in the Mainland.

Of course, the 40th Anniversary is not just about eating or nostalgia. A more important theme of the celebration is to nurture a pro bono culture among our students. Our alumni are privileged to have received first class education from one of the best universities in the world. Yet there is still a huge unmet demand for legal services. We believe that the Faculty of Law can do more. With this in mind, the clinical programme was introduced in January 2010, which includes running a legal clinic on campus as an extension of the Duty Lawyers’ Legal Advisory Service, and providing assistance to refugee claimants in making their claim for refugee status before the UNHCR. The response was overwhelming. Within a week all our sessions for the semester were fully booked! Students met the clients, collected the documents, took the necessary instructions, and then prepared a memo for the staff or voluntary lawyers. Our supervisors have even run mock advisory sessions where students gave ‘advice’ to the mock client. Students also have a chance to see how the supervisors advise the real client in the advisory session. One cannot really describe the enormous enthusiasm of our students, save to report that some students have even begged us to allow them to do the course again! We are also very gratified to have received very positive response from the clients, and to know that we can help.

Honorary Appointment

The University and the Faculty are thrilled to have the former Chief Justice as our Honorary Professor upon his retirement. This is indeed a privilege and honour for the Faculty, and most important of all, a great benefit to our students. While Professor Andrew Li, QC would like to take a break before he started teaching, he has already been asking for course materials.

Another of our Honorary Professors is Mr Grenville Cross, former Director of Public Prosecutions. No doubt our students will derive great benefit from his vast experience in criminal law and sentencing.

Other Developments

The Faculty continues to build up its international network. Over the summer we have concluded a JD/LLM double degree arrangement with the University of Pennsylvania Law School, one of the “Ivy League” Universities in the Status. Under this arrangement, JD students of both law school could spend a year of their JD study in the other law school and earn an LLM. It opens up new possibilities for our students, and the agreement certainly adds to the international credibility of our Faculty.

Professor Sarah Worthington from London School of Economics and Political Science visited the Faculty in September – the first of her five annual visits as the first Dr Cheng Yu Tung Visiting Professor of the Faculty. We are very grateful to the generous support of Dr Cheng, which has made this possible. Sarah, as you all know, is a leading authority in company law and trust law. She has spent 6 weeks with us and many colleagues and students benefited from her vast experience and insight. During her stay, we organized an extremely well received seminar on our Company Ordinance Re-write Project. The seminar was led by Professor Ted Tyler, our former colleague who is now in charge of the Re-write Project, and joined by Sarah as well as Dr Masie Ooi, our new colleague who is the Consultant to the Project.

Two major conferences were held jointly with University College London in the past months -- one on Civil Justice Reform and the other on Climate Change. Both of them were very well attended and have attracted very high quality papers. The Climate Change Conference was also part of the activities of the C40. With permission I would like to share with you some of the “fine details” of the Civil Justice Reform Conference. Not only was the hotel hall filled to capacity, we probably have achieved made a record in that both the outgoing Chief Justice and the incoming Chief Justice spent two full days with us at the Conference. Lord Neuberger MR, our special guest, got stuck in Hong Kong after the Conference due to across the board flight cancellations caused by the volcanic ash from Iceland. Thanks to the Chief Justice and the Secretary for Justice, we managed to make our Technology Court available for him to preside over an appeal in London the following Monday. That fortunately turned out to be unnecessary as Lord Neuberger managed to get on to a flight to Rome and then was driven back home to London!

In October we were in Beijing for the Annual HKU-Peking U Conference. In November we hosted the 3rd Biannual Conference with National University of Singapore and Singapore Management University. In early December, I led a delegation of 18 colleagues to a joint conference in Sydney with UNSW – the first of a series of biannual conferences with UNSW Faculty of Law. It has been a busy semester, with certainly more to come!

With such vigour we anticipate the arrival of the long awaited festive season. We are pleased to hear that the construction of the centennial campus and our new law building is on time, and the project is scheduled for completion in Spring 2012. The University will also soon be celebrating its Centenary. Those will be for the next issue. In the meantime, let me wish our readers a Merry Christmas and a fruitful Year of 2011.

Professor Johannes Chan SC (Hon)
Dean, Faculty of Law
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香港大學法律學院四十周年院慶

Speech by Mr Xiao Yang,
Former Chief Justice and President of the Supreme People’s Court, Honorary Chairman of China Judges Association

中國法官協會名譽會長、最高人民法院原院長、首席大法官肖揚先生

賀辭

尊敬的各位教授、各位同學、各位來賓、女士們、先生們，晚上好！

我非常高興地應邀參加香港大學法律學院四十周年院慶，在此我向法律學院的全體老師、同學表示熱烈的祝賀！

我留意到，剛才主持人只介紹了我的職務，卻忘了介紹我另一重身份，那就是港大法律學院一位學生的家長。小女曾到讀於此，

並取得了普通法碩士學位。我知道，像小女這樣接受香港法律培養的人員還有很多，他們正在各自的崗位上為內地的法治

事業貢獻一份力量。在此，我要感謝港大搭建了溝通兩地法律交流的平台，並對老師所付出的辛勤勞動表示衷心的感謝！

「海納百川，有容乃大」。在法學教育中，如果不願拓寬視野、兼收並蓄，就不難成為思想的厚度，就難以提升理論的高度，

也難以獲得蓬勃的發展。香港大學是香港歷史最悠久的大學，是亞洲乃至世界的著名學府，匯聚了中外優秀的教學和科研人員，

吸引了來自五湖四海的萬千學子，為香港和內地輸送了一批又一批的優質人才。四十年來，香港大學法律學院面向國際，

東西交鋒，獲得了廣泛的讚譽，也為同行業做出了良好的表率。

1997年香港回歸祖國，成功地實踐了「一國兩制」的偉大構想，開創了一國之內不同社會制度、法律制度共存之先河。

在一個國家同時存在一種「法律制度」和「多個法域」是中國的重要特色，也是中國法律制度的優勢。有比較才有發展，

有互動才有活力，有合作才能共同發展，展示中國法律制度的優越性。為了促進兩地的交流與合作，內地與香港的有關機構創造

性地開展了司法協作工作，並達成多項合作安排。經驗告訴我們，儘管兩地的社會制度和法律制度不同，但都承認推崇公平正義

是自己的終極目標；對於兩地的法律制度差異，一方要相互尊重、求同存異，摒棄偏見思考，兼顧對方利益。

為此，我們需要增進彼此了解，實事求是探討雙方皆有利的方案。例如，香港的「循環先例」、「風險交易」、「小額法庭」

等解決糾紛的方式，內地的「訴訟調解」、「調解結合」、「公正與效率」等司法經驗都有彼此借鑑和交流的空間。

作為大陸法和普通法的交匯點，香港大學法律學院擁有其獨特的優勢，在傳播香港法律文化、介紹中國法律制度、研究國際法律

問題等方面都做出了卓越的貢獻，為解決「一國兩制」下的立法、法律適用和法律運作等問題提供了智力支持和人才資源。

作為一名法律人，我親眼目睹了內地法制從初創，停頓，重建，發展的曲折變化，親自見證了依法治國基本方略從提出，

形成到發展的整個過程。講話「墨爾本城不是一天建成的」。在我看來，建立法治大廈的難度恐怕要甚於建造墨爾本，因為它不僅

需要有法條、機構、制度等堅實的材料，還需要忠誠的法律信仰來支撐；它既需要胸懷全局，高瞻遠矚的設計者，也同樣需要實實

地為法治大廈添磚加瓦的實踐者。在這個方面，法律學院承擔著一份沉重的責任——它們既是法律人才的搖籃，又是法律思想的雛

際地和法律文化的發源地；它們不僅傳授法律知識、訓練法律技巧，還兼備公平、公義、誠信等法律價值觀念。惟有如此，

法律教育才能體現「大學」之「大」；惟有如此，法律才能有旺盛的生命力。為謀使命，我真誠希望內地和香港的法學教育和

研究機構能夠共同努力、相互交流、加強合作、促進繁榮，使兩地法律文化在交匯和融合中不斷得到豐富和發展。

最後，祝願今天的院慶活動圓滿成功，並祝香港大學及其法律學院明天更加輝煌。
時光荏苒，不知不覺法律學院已經度過了四十個春秋。
古人說，四十年不惑，我們堅信，即將迎來四十歲生日的法
律學院，會帶著夢想一路前行，繼續推動不同法系之間的
借鑒、融合、體諒，不同法域之間的交流、協作、合作。

法律教育是法治的基石 — 徐運佩

我有幸在香港學習了一年，法律學院那種以學生為導向、以
問題為導向，以實踐為導向的辦學理念，科學合理的課程設置、靈活多樣的授
課方式、嚴謹公正的考核機制都給我留下深刻的印象，也使我從中受
益匪淺。這段學習經歷雖然短暫，但是我終生受益的寶貴財富。

夢裏牽掛千百回 — 韓嘉然

在港大短短一年的學習生活，實在是愉快的回憶。來到美國讀研易斯
維爾發現，法律學院無論從師資力量、活動安排、還是對學生的關懷和
尊重程度上，都絲毫不輸於美國頂尖的法學院。
普通法碩士項目的學員，有著一貫碩士項目都不具有的多樣性—
—大家的背景甚至年齡都有著很大的差別，既有北京的公務員、深圳
的法官，又有上海、成都、廣州的律師，還有來自五湖四海的各大法
學院的畢業生，但我們欣然一家——從中秋國慶雙節到聖誕節活動
活動，我們一起度過的中西節日竟然有那麼多；一同慶祝了那麼
多兄弟姐妹的生日，還互相鼓勵著在凌晨三點並肩賞雪……說了這麼
多，一時間思緒陷入回憶，謝謝你，港大法律學院，謝謝我那段美好
的日子裏，遇見了這麼多有趣的人和開心的事！
法律原來還可以這麼學！

徐嘉鸞

在香港之前，我在內地法學院學習了七年。進入香港大學法律學院，我發現：法律原來還可以這麼學！新入學選定課，就知道講課方式分為講座（lecture）和研討（tutorial）。課前都會有發放厚厚的資料；在你還沒來得及讀完，lecture上大量的判例撲面而來。當你被唬得氣息未定時，tutorial上又考察你如何將lecture所學的知識，應用到案例的能力。對於港大法律學院的學子，無論你是否聰明，你首先得成為一個勤奮刻苦、謹慎謹慎、精於思考的人。只有讀過了成百上千的判例，你才會知道法律到底是什麼；只有仔細研讀判詞，才能學會法律人的推理和思辨；只有勤於思考並反覆練習，才能準確地將法律應用於案例，並能做出正確判斷。

感謝港大法律學院，給我一個重回課堂的機會，讓我在思考如何做一個真正的「法律人」。法律人所需要熟悉的，不單是各種案件，原則、條例和規範，而且包括法律的思考方法和法律的價值判斷。法律人必須謹慎行事，嚴以律己，以其極具專業的態度去實踐公義、保障人權，為民謀福，才不致辜負法律專業的尊嚴和榮譽。

Good Old Days

胡曉晴

全英文的教學方式，首先受到沖擊的便是對自己英文水平的自信。作為學習英美普通法專業的學生，對於判例的研習是基礎，閱讀量巨大估計是每天四五十頁；而我若要完成讀書通常一個小時下來只能看數頁，花大量的時間在句形和章典上，每每望著層層疊疊的資料和課本，無所適從。

其實本身學習就是一件快樂的事，只是一直被一些更加直觀和激烈的快樂沖淡了。將一本新書慢慢讀完，把複印資料上用熒光筆畫滿條條道道；從看兩行字就要走神，到一直可以控制著精神不分散；一切完全無法在tutorial上懸空，必須與tutor及同學們對答如流；從每個單詞都要翻字典，到每5分鐘可以迅速的翻一頁；從錢著PPT僅僅努力在抓住老師所說的關鍵詞，到可以邊聽邊記下想記得每個字；圖書館關閉前，在黑漆漆空蕩蕩的圖書館，_of_the__

回想起來，真是一段神仙也似的日子。
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紀念品 —— 青銅鼎禮器
商周時期，朝廷將法律文書鑄造於青銅鼎上，以示法律的尊嚴與權威，此鼎由深圳中級人民法院贈送，恭賀香港大學法律學院成立四十週年，彰顯學院為推動香港與內地法治建設上所做出的貢獻。
Former Chief Justice Andrew Li Kwok Nang  
Appointed as Honorary Professor of the HKU Faculty of Law

The Faculty is proud to announce the appointment of The Hon Andrew Li Kwok Nang, former Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal ("CFA"), as Honorary Professor of the Faculty. Chief Justice Li's appointment commenced on September 1, 2010.

Professor Johannes Chan SC (Hon), Dean of Law highly commended the former Chief Justice for his dedication and contribution during his tenure, "Chief Justice Li has established a fine reputation of independence of our judiciary, and developed a moderate jurisprudence characterized by its generous and liberal approach to preserving and sustaining fundamental rights and freedoms cherished by all of us in a civil society. He has brought to Hong Kong many distinguished judges to serve on the CFA, whose wisdom and experience have enriched our jurisprudence. It is a great privilege for HKU and our students to be able to benefit from the wisdom and immense experience of the Chief Justice.”

In response to his appointment, the former Chief Justice said, "I am greatly honoured by the offer of appointment as Honorary Professor of the Faculty of Law. I look forward to contributing to the Faculty."

In fact, following the announcement of his retirement, the Faculty and the legal world have been paying tribute to the legacy of the former Chief Justice. The Conference "Hong Kong's Court of Final Appeal: The Andrew Li Court 1997-2010", held in March, presented various perspectives on final appeals in Hong Kong, examined the role of the CFA and its judges under the Basic Law, and analyzed how the CFA has developed the law since 1997. In his opening speech, Sir Anthony Mason, a former Australian Chief Justice, said "Hong Kong has been singularly fortunate to find somebody of his [Chief Justice Li's] capacity to rise to the challenge of heading a common law court system in a unique and unusual environment." The Conference gave birth to a book project led by Mr Simon Young (Director, Center for Comparative and Public Law) and Professor Yash Ghai.

The Faculty was also honoured to have former Chief Justice Li as the twelfth speaker of its Common Law Lecture Series, which was established 5 years ago with his encouragement and support. The lecture titled "Reflections on the Retrospective and Prospective Effect of Constitutional Judgments" was one of the highlights celebrating the Faculty’s 40th Anniversary and included his insights and final thoughts as Chief Justice. The Chief Justice point out that, in recent years, there had been considerable discussion of whether courts have the power to limit the retrospective effect of their decisions. Remedies such as prospective overruling and suspension of declarations of invalidity have been debated. The lecture explored this area in the field of constitutional adjudication. Many eminent judges and members of the legal profession, including the Secretary for Justice attended as part of the enthusiastic audience.
Civil Justice Reform - What Has It Achieved?

The Conference “Civil Justice Reform – What Has It Achieved?”, co-hosted by the University of Hong Kong and University College London, as part of the Faculty’s 40th Anniversary celebrations, was held on 15-16 April.

We were honoured to have some of the most eminent speakers from UK, Australia, Canada and HK. Indeed, the former Chief Justice and present Chief Justice did us proud by making available numerous members of the judiciary to present papers and join in panel discussions, and many other judicial officers attended as participants. Both of them attended throughout, showing their enthusiasm and commitment to the civil justice reform process. Cj Andrew Li formally opened the conference, and Lord Neuberger, of Abbotsbury, the Master of the Rolls of England & Wales, gave a keynote speech. All the speakers performed with great aplomb and shared their insights. All papers were carefully prepared and well presented. Lord Justice Jackson was perhaps the most animated when he presented his paper on costs problems and costs reform. The 200-plus audience received the papers enthusiastically and the Conrad ballroom was almost full late on Friday afternoon. The proceedings will be published by Sweet & Maxwell (our media sponsor).
New Double Degree in Law and Literary Studies

"What we want to do is to create encounters between two seemingly disparate disciplines. For example, we will read The Merchant of Venice in the context of England’s legal history, or we will read a modern court case through the lens of literary theory and ask how we could think about a piece of legal writing from a literary perspective. The possibilities are endless," says Dr. Wan.

An international colloquium held in June 2010 exemplifies the multiple possibilities of such interdisciplinary study. The colloquium brought together legal historians, linguists, legal philosophers, and literary critics from America, Australia, Britain, China, and Hong Kong to re-examine what it means to classify a set of facts or a narrative as a 'legal case,' and it reflects the different ways in which law can be juxtaposed with other fields of enquiry. A volume of papers from the colloquium is forthcoming.

The double degree will prepare students for a variety of careers, including those in law, academia, journalism, in politics, and beyond.

"We want to give our students a well-rounded legal education. To meet the challenges of an increasingly complex and globalised world, we need to be able to move comfortably between the legal mode of thinking and other forms of analysis," says Dr. Wan.

Our JD Programme

The Faculty is very pleased to announce that admissions for the 2011 entry to the JD programme are now open. We look forward very much to working with another group of dedicated students.

The programme involves two (or three) years of intensive and interactive legal study through Socratic discussion in small classes. In the programme, JD students take full-year compulsory courses in Contract, Torts, Crimes, Land, Equity & Trusts, as well as half-year compulsory courses in Constitutional Law, Legal System, and Legal Research & Methods. In addition, each student writes a dissertation of at least 80,000 words, and takes two courses pertaining to Chinese Law and International Law, Theoretical, and Comparative perspectives in Law respectively. Those who intend to proceed to PCLL also take Commercial Law, Company Law, Evidence, Criminal Procedure, Civil Procedure, and Land Law III (conveyancing law).

This full range of core subjects is on par with those of the LLB, and equips our students with a solid foundation in the study and practice of Law. The depth and coverage of each of these courses are as rigorous as in the LLB, arguably even more so given that they are taught separately - for JD students only - through Socratic, seminar discussion.

Students who enroll in the JD programme are expected to have and do have a mature outlook in life. To meet the rigorous demand of the programme, their academic year is longer than the undergraduates, and spans from August to the latter half of June in the following years.

Further details about the programme are also available at www.hku.hk/law/jd.
Clinical Legal Education (CLE) Programme

The Clinical Legal Education (CLE) Programme serves two roles - learning and service - which are equally important and meaningful. The programme offers to the community limited legal services by students under the supervision of qualified staff, and, at the same time, provides a valuable learning experience for our students. With a successfully run pilot scheme with the Small Claims Tribunal in 2009, the programme matured to a 6-credit elective course “Clinical Legal Education” in the second semester (2009-2010) and our service has been extended to:

- managing of the Free Legal Advice Scheme on HKU Campus under the Duty Lawyer Service;
- assisting lay parties in Small Claims Tribunal to do the preparation required under the directions given by the Tribunal at the call-over hearing or the mention hearing;
- assisting in cases handled by law firms on a pro bono basis;
- assisting in cases handled by the Bar Free Legal Service Scheme; and
- assisting in other pro bono law-related work as the Course Coordinator may from time to time assign.

Clients’ comments

“Very professional!”
(The student lawyers) are both very sincere and comprehensive in taking very aspect of the case into consideration when making enquiry on case details.

Very systematic and well-phased.

Useful and friendly.

(The students) have taken good steps in exploring the case and apparently have taken good and precise notes to allow and afford fruitful discussion and analysis of the case.

Students’ comments

“The CLE course provided me with an avenue to utilize the skill and knowledge I have accumulated over the past three years to assist clients in need. As a student who is enthusiastic about the law and eager to serve the community, the course was a truly gratifying experience.”

Addiped Cheng (LLB 4)

“It was a fascinating experience from which various qualities will be enhanced: lawyering skills, counselling techniques, and even crisis handling procedures! You will find out more about yourself through the programme and this is absolutely a valuable chance for all law students to polish their acquired knowledge and more importantly, serve their community.”

Andrew Fan (LLB 5)
Visit of Professor Sarah Worthington, our first Cheng Yu Tung Visiting Professor

Professor Worthington QC is Pro Director for Research and External Relations and Professor of Law at the London School of Economics. Being first our Cheng Yu Tung Visiting Professor, she will be with the Faculty for 6 weeks each year for 5 years. Her visit during September/October was most timely as the Government has just published its consultation on Company Law Reform. During a Seminar on the Rewrite of the Companies Ordinance on 7 October, Professor Worthington and other speakers including Professor Edward Tyler (Facilitator); Ms Ada Chung (Registrar of Companies); and Dr Maisie Ooi (Consultant for the Rewrite, also a new member of the Faculty) discussed what will or is likely to change in the Companies Ordinance and the processes of the change.

Mr Henry Cheng and Professor Sarah Worthington QC, our first Cheng Yu Tung Visiting Professor (second and third from the left, front row).

Common Law Lecture Series

The Honourable Mr Justice David Baragwanath giving the 14th Common Law Lecture 'The Community of the Common Law' on 18 Nov 2010.

In Memory of Professor Betty Ho (1948-2010)

Professor Betty Ho, a former colleague of the Faculty and one of the most well-loved teachers of all time, passed away at Queen Mary Hospital on 3 September 2010. Betty taught at the Faculty of Law from 1988 until 2002. She was most respected by students and colleagues. She was energetic, demanding, and yet at the same time caring and approachable. She was a prolific scholar who had published widely in the areas of contract, corporate and securities law. She had made immense contribution to scholarship and was highly respected in the legal community. She once said that her scholarship is for China. As a result, she has published all her works in both English and Chinese, and spent hours in translating her own books from English to Chinese. In 2002, she left the Faculty to teach at the newly revived Law School at Tsinghua University, as she believed she could contribute more to the legal development in China by teaching the cream of the students in the Mainland. She taught at Tsinghua University until recently and was well loved by her students. She suffered a stroke when she was at Tsinghua and was taken back to Hong Kong. She left peacefully, but no doubt she will be dearly remembered by all of us.

Extract from Professor Johannes Chan is Eulogy, at the Funeral service on 9 September 2010

Students were always at the forefront of Betty’s mind. A very demanding teacher, Betty set a very high yet achievable standard, and she was able to draw out the best potential of her students, and to push them to achieve a higher level than they would ever have thought possible. In one of her notes on Mercantile Law examination to the then Head of Department in 1989 when she has just started teaching, she criticized the old format of dividing the exam paper into sections on sale of goods, agency, hire purchase as ‘unrealistic’. Commercial problems came intertwined. A client tells you that he has a sale of goods problem, whereas in fact he has an agency problem etc. The old format does not test the students’ ability to spot the problem.’ The format was changed, and her students prospered it.

Demanding as she was Betty was also a passionate and considerate teacher. We all prepare case abstracts for students to read. Betty prepared her case abstract in such a way that she left a wide margin where she expected her students to think and to write down their thoughts as they read. Behind her stern and demanding appearance was a warm and kind heart. She knew her students well, and was always generous with her time with students, but mind you, if you wanted to ask her any question, you had better be prepared thoroughly for her piercing cross-examination. One of her students once wrote, ‘I am very glad I made the intelligent choice to study this course. It is as if my eyes were opened; now I know what university studies and legal studies mean.’ This sentiment is shared by many generations of her students.

Betty was always frank and honest. She would always tell you what she really thought whether you like it or not. One of my colleagues recounted an incident when she was a student at Beijing University and consulted Betty of her opinion whether to pursue an SJD at University of Toronto. Betty replied, frankly and unflatteringly, ‘I don’t think enrolling in the SJD programme would give you much opportunity to genuinely learn things, especially common law. It may not worth your time. I’d suggest that you choose the LLB programme.’ This is Betty, one who always spoke her mind.

Betty strongly believed that a good teacher had to be a good researcher, and she soon established herself as one of the leading Chinese scholars in corporate, commercial and financial law. It was in Hong Kong that she completed her seminal works on the Law of Contract, the Law of Agency, and Credit and Securities. Her book on Public Companies and their Equity Securities: Principles of Regulation under Hong Kong Law soon became a classic, and not surprisingly, her work has made a profound impact on the development and reform of corporate and securities law in Hong Kong and in other common law jurisdictions.

In the year 2000, I asked Betty to review our commercial law curriculum. She came back with a report of over a hundred pages, thoroughly researched and full of practical recommendations. It led to significant changes to our commercial law curriculum. Even though the report is now ten years old, I still find it helpful to consult that report from time to time. Betty always left a mark at every institution where she worked, and on the people with whom she shared her working life.

Betty had a deep commitment to make an impact on the development of the legal system in China. Hence, she published all her major works in both English and Chinese. Instead of getting a translator, she meticulously translated all of her own work herself. She also translated Philip Wood’s classic on Law and Practice of International Trade so that scholars and students in the Mainland would have access to that seminal work. In HK, she designed the first Use of Chinese in Law course when HK was about to embark on introducing a bilingual legal system. Her academic work in Chinese has enhanced the use of Chinese in law at a most timely period when Chinese legal literature was only beginning to emerge. In 2002, not satisfied with just teaching the cream in Hong Kong, Betty decided to leave HKU to teach at Tsinghua University, as she believed she could make a greater impact by teaching the future leaders of China. She was among the first batch of academics who returned to China to teach on a full-time basis when this was not fashionable at the time, when it was done with a great sacrifice in terms of remuneration and when she could only speak broken Putonghua at that time. Betty was such a determined person. She devised an innovative programme on common law and comparative commercial law at Tsinghua University, bringing to the students a new horizon in thinking and new challenges in learning. Within a very short time she became one of the most respected teachers and scholars at Tsinghua University and in China.

A great scholar who has left a mark in the history of legal development; a passionate teacher who has inspired and changed the lives of many of her students; a person who has lived true to her beliefs; and a friend whom you can always trust and rely upon for her frankness and honesty - this is Betty, whom all of us will clearly miss.
Endowed Professorship

The Fourth Inauguration Ceremony of Endowed Professorships was held on April 13, 2010 with resounding support from academia and the community. This year the University celebrated the establishment of 10 new Endowed Professorships.

Kerry Holding Professor in Private Law

Professor Johannes Chan, SC (Hon) and Professor Michael Tilbury

“It is our shared vision that this Endowed Professorship will enrich the resources available at the Faculty of Law and help uphold its high standards of scholarship, research and education.”

- Kerry Holdings Limited

Paul K C Cheung Professor in Jurisprudence

Professor Scott Veitch and Mr Paul K C Chung

“We build now for the future of those who come after us.”

- Mr Paul K C Chung

Meet Our New Staff

Maisie Ooi joined the Faculty in August 2010, having practised law for many years. She is passionate about the development of corporate law and children with special needs.

Edmond K F Lam, solicitor, admitted in Hong Kong in 1987, joined the Faculty in August 2010. He is the course co-ordinator of the Clinical Legal Education course for 3rd year or above LLB and mixed degree students and is also one of the tutors in Civil Litigation for PCLL students. He is dedicated to Buddhist insight meditation practice. In his leisure, he enjoys jogging and hiking.

Alexandra Norton joined the Faculty in September 2010. She teaches Criminal Advocacy, Criminal Litigation and Criminal Procedure and has practised both as a barrister and a corporate associate. She obtained her LLB in Law and French Law from the University of Reading. In her spare time, she enjoys pilates and playing with her children.

Richard Holt joined the Law Faculty in September 2010 as the Director of Legal Research and Writing. He obtained his LLB at Southampton University and became a Barrister at Law with Inner Temple. He has been the Director of the Bar Vocational course (since 2008) and later Director, Academic Registrar and Deputy Chief Executive of BPP College (since 2006). He enjoys walking and reading (although not always at the same time).

Anna K.C. Koo, LLB (King’s College London), LLM (Strathclyde), is an Assistant Professor who specializes in Evidence and Civil Justice. Anna is a barrister and an accredited mediator of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre with practical experience in crime and commercial work. Koo’s extensive pro bono involvements include: the Faculty’s Free Legal Advice Scheme, the Duty Lawyer Service, the Bar Free Legal Advice Scheme, and Legal Advisor to the Youth Arch Foundation that runs the Hong Kong Outstanding Students’ Association.

Bernard Siu joined the Faculty as a Senior Teaching Consultant in September 2010. He is currently teaching Civil Litigation and Commercial Dispute Resolution for the Department of Professional Legal Education and Principles of Hong Kong Taxation of Income for the Department of Law. Bernard obtained his Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of New South Wales, Australia. Upon returning to Hong Kong, he first graduated from the LLB course of the University of London and then proceeded with his PCLL study at the University of Hong Kong.

Bernard is a practising solicitor in Hong Kong, and a member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and CPA (Australia).
Congratulations!

At this year’s Long Services Awards Presentation Ceremony on 1 June 2010, colleagues, families and members of the media gathered to pay tribute to staff members who have rendered 25 or 35 years of service to the University, including Professor Johannes Chan SC (Hon), Professor Albert Chen and Mr Michael Jackson, who all joined us in 1985.

Having served the University for a quarter of a century, the three of them are no strangers to the legal profession and the community. Professor Johannes Chan also the Dean of Law since 2002 and the first Honorary Senior Counsel in Hong Kong, has published widely in both local and international journals on constitutional law and human rights matters. He is the author of a weekly column in Ming Pao, and has served on many government/public and professional bodies, including the Bar Council and the Consumer Council.

Professor Albert Chen, Chan Professor in Constitutional Law, was a member of the Law Reform Commission during the period 2002-2008 and is currently a member of the Committee for the Basic Law of the HKSAR under the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress of the People’s Republic of China. During his Deanship (1996-2002), he introduced various new programmes including the Master of Common Law (MCL), the LLM (Chinese Law) and the LLM (Human Rights); the first double degree programmes - BBA(Law) and BSS (Government & Law). Professor Chan also publishes widely in the areas of constitutional law and jurisprudence.

In addition to his contribution to the LLB curriculum reform over the years, Mr Jackson is well known for his book Criminal Law in Hong Kong (Hong Kong: HKU Press, 2003, 789 pp.). He has particular interest in commercial crime and cybercrime, and has assisted as a solicitor in several major criminal fraud cases during his time in Hong Kong. He has served as a member of the Law Reform Commission’s Subcommittee on Fraud, and the Law Society’s Committee on Criminal Law and Procedure.

First batch of Sun Hung Kai Properties – Kwoks’ Foundation Law Scholarship recipients completed their studies

13 recipients of the Sun Hung Kai Properties – Kwoks’ Foundation Law Scholarship have completed their studies and received scholarship certificates from Ms Amy Kwok, Executive Director of the Kwoks’ Foundation. The scholarship, which was established last July, covered the tuition fee, accommodation and living expenses of Mainland graduates who pursue MCL and LLM programmes with us. At the MCL Graduation Reception, Professor Johannes Chan SC (Hon) expressed his appreciation of the Foundation’s support and commitment in training legal talent for Hong Kong and China. Ms Kwok was pleased that the graduates could put their knowledge to good use. Upon graduation, some of the scholarship recipients stayed in Hong Kong for further studies, while some returned to Mainland to pursue a career in law.
A letter from Dar es Salaam

by Bart Rwezaura

Our former Associate Professor (1992-2007) in Family Law who retired from us and returned to his hometown Dar es Salaam three years ago, shares with us his good work since his return to Tanzania.

Introduction

A little over three years ago I returned with my family to Tanzania, my homeland. I had lived and worked in Hong Kong for sixteen years. Our children Paul and Nelly arrived here when they were small and left when they were in their early twenties. In the process of living in Hong Kong we made many friends and accumulated happy memories. Needless to say, we also became permanent residents of Hong Kong and have retained that status. As would be expected, many former colleagues and alumni who still live in Hong Kong as well as former students might be curious about what we have been up to since leaving the SAR. This letter speaks briefly about the first three years of retirement and offers some hints about future plans. The highlights include my consultancy with UNICEF (Tanzania and Kenya), a new post at the Open University of Tanzania, Nelly’s expedition up Mt. Kilimanjaro and some reflections on the environment and my forestry project.

The Open University of Tanzania

My association with the Open University of Tanzania (OUT) began in 2005 when I joined the editorial advisory board of the Open University Law Journal (OULJ). A year after my return to Tanzania I was offered a one year association with the OUT to be followed by a two year contract term. My brief at the OUT includes acting as Chief Editor of the OULJ, supervising graduate students, research and consultancy, committee work on curriculum reform and policy matters.

Some of my recent activities include a consultancy to advise UNICEF (Tanzania) on the Bill to enact the Law of the Child 2009 (The Bill). The Bill sought to amend and consolidate the law relating to the child and to align existing law to the human rights of children as contained in international and regional treaties which Tanzania has ratified. Apart from submitting to UNICEF a legal opinion and critique on the Bill, we also worked closely with civil society organizations (CSOs) and other stakeholders in identifying weaknesses, gaps and contradictions in the Bill. In October 2009 we appeared before a Parliamentary Standing Committee to argue for some changes in the Bill. The Bill passed on 4th November 2009.

Another UNICEF consultancy was to evaluate a children’s rights project titled Community Justice Facilitation (CJF). Our task was to study the implementation of the project to determine the extent to which it had achieved its primary objects, to identify the problems faced in the implementation, the lessons learned, and the strategies for extending the project to national level. The CJF project seeks to create children’s rights awareness at the grassroots level using young volunteers as children’s rights advocates, educators and community justice facilitators. This project is to be refined and extended to other parts of Tanzania. It is expected that the project will lay the foundation stone for the new Law of the Child Act 2009.

In April 2010, I was in Nairobi at the invitation of UNICEF (Kenya) to co-facilitate a stakeholder’s workshop to discuss a series of amendments to the Kenya Children Act 2001. In Nairobi I met up with Yash and Jill at their beautiful home.

The First Year

Nelly and I live in a two-bedroom flat in the heart of Dar es Salaam. Nelly teaches English at the British Council. She enjoys her work very much while also learning Kiswahili. Paul lives and works in England as a medical doctor with the British NHS. Christine, who recently celebrated her 60th birthday, remains in the Democratic Republic of Congo working with the UN Mission to that country. She loves the work and enjoys its challenges.

My first year was spent settling down not only into Dar es Salaam but also into Bukoba, my home town, which is close to Lake Victoria. We had lived in Dar es Salaam for 18 years before coming to HKU and have many friends and relatives here. Dar es Salaam has a population of over four million people and is still growing. The process of setting in entails making contact with significant people and places such as a doctor, a parish priest, a social club, a supermarket, a restaurant, a newspaper stand and a local pub. There are many such places in Dar es Salaam including some upmarket Chinese and Thai restaurants. French and Italian cuisine are also well represented. Settling into my home village was a much easier task.
Delights of Rural Living

During my years at HKU I described my annual visit to my home village as an act of renewing my clan membership. Now I visit my home village more than four times a year to engage in various activities. These include work on the forest project, tending cattle and sheep, checking on my coffee and banana farm, visiting my relatives and also taking time off to relax with my elder sister, Bernadina. The forest project has been going for over six years and has expanded considerably in the last three years. Currently it consists of about 700,000 trees, primarily the pines of various ages. The project employs about 25 young men and women from my village and the adjacent villages. Our target is to reach one million trees in the next three years.

This year we won two Presidential cash prizes for environmental protection. We won at the village and ward levels. Next year we plan to compete for the district prize. But the primary goal of the project is not to win prizes as such. Rather, its the pleasure it gives us to be able to return something to the community by employing young people and motivating them to grow their own trees. We are actively planning for a small wood processing factory that will provide employment to a few more young people while hopefully delivering some returns.

The coffee and banana farm occupy about eight hectares of prime land. Green bananas are our staple food and coffee is the cash crop. The cattle and sheep provide the manure as fertilizer which is supplemented with loads of grass harvested from underneath the young pine tree. Grass cutting is also a precaution against fire during the dry season. This year a team of eight fire watchers has been hired. Last year we lost more than 30,000 young pines to these fires.

Looking into the tunnel of time

One of my planned activities on retirement was to work with (www.boonabaana.org) a children’s rights organization that I had helped in setting up. Shortly after my arrival in Tanzania and having discussed the matter we felt it would be best for Brooke and Marco to continue with their excellent work. In due course we plan to complement their work by setting up a village based organization designed to enhance the capacity of rural families to provide for their children. This, we hope, will undermine the forces and processes that keep pushing vulnerable children from rural to urban areas.

In sum, the first three years of retirement have provided us with the opportunity to find our feet again in Tanzania. While there has been no idle moment, the sheer variety of activities and working with rural communities has been a source of pleasure and relaxation. Hence, as we peer into the tunnel of time, there is reason for hope and optimism.

Nelly Ascends Africa’s tallest mountain

My encounter with Mt Kilimanjaro was not accidental. It was deliberate and made after some training and preparation. I ascended Mt. Kilimanjaro with Katherine and her dad, Katherine is a close friend I have known since my time in Hong Kong. On Day 1: We walked for 5 hours through a rainforest from the Marangu gate to Mandara hut, where we spent the night.

Day 2: We walked through the desert for 7 hours towards Horombo hut. It was the first time I walked above the clouds; an exhilarating experience, to say the least. Day 3: We opted for an acclimatization day so we spent much of the day hiking up steep hills. This was my favourite day. There were so many picturesque sights: Zebra rock; on top of one hill we could see the snowy peak of Mt. Kilimanjaro on one side and Mt. Meru on the other.

Day 4: We hiked up to Kibo Hut, the last hut before the summit. We slept early at 1800 hrs because we had to start the summit trek at midnight. That was one of the hardest days of my life! I was sick much of the time. Luckily, my guide was tremendous. He would gently drag me up at times and would motivate me with pep-talks in Swahili. When I saw the most gorgeous sunrise, I knew at once the effort was all worth it.

The descent was the easiest part. Half the time it looked like we were skiing down a slope. We spent one night at Horombo hut before heading back to the Marangu gate. We were presented with certificates on arrival after which we went back to our hotel in Moshi. At the hotel we took our first shower after six days followed by a celebration with a few beers. I would highly recommend this experience. I believe I have a lifelong bond with my friend Katherine and her dad because of the challenge we faced together and were able to overcome. The guides and the porters, who do the trek once or twice a month, are really the heroes and heroines of the Kilimanjaro.
All the world’s a stage —
my reflections on the summer intermission.

**Tam Wing See, Frankie** (LLB 2008, PCLL 2009)
Hutchison Chevening Scholar (2010/2011) and
Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar (2010/2011)

"All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players;
They have their exits and their entrances;
And one man in his time plays many parts."

This September will open a new act in my life, when I will be flying to London to pursue my Master of Laws degree, to commence my Parliamentary Internship at Westminster, to gain as much exposure as possible as a Chevening Scholar and to be actively involved in community projects in the UK as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. Earnestly waiting for the stage curtain to open again, I feel genuinely grateful for all opportunities I have and feel touched that life opens the door to all who strives for growth.

Last year’s PCLL training in our war Law Faculty family has been a fruitful year, in terms of preparing us for the start of our professional career, and for life enrichment at large. We all sensed early in our busy first semester the imminence of our future professional practice. Back then, I was excited to accept University College London’s LLM offer, and was actively planning to maximize my life experience in the UK.

I learned of the opportunity to work for peers in the House of Lords and members of the UK Parliament in my random search to learn more about western political and judicial systems. I felt excited to know that the UK Parliament would hire interns who are college students to work with political leaders. Parliamentary internships provide an excellent opportunity to learn about law making and social development. Therefore, I wrote to apply for my Parliamentary Internship with a number of House of Lords’ members.

After some correspondence and telephone conversations, I was thrilled that Lord Daniel Brennan QC of the House of Lords would welcome me into his office during my year in London. Parallel to my LLM, I will be working at the House of Lords for two afternoons every week. My duties include attending weekly Parliamentary debates at the House of Lords, researching and preparing Parliamentary questions, drafting press releases and speeches as well as performing various ad hoc duties for the Lord.

Since Lord Brennan QC, the former Chairman of the UK Bar Council and President of the Catholic Union, is also currently the UK Bar representative on the Council of the International Bar Association, the Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, a consultant to the World Bank for Latin America and South and East Asia, a Deputy High Court Judge, Crown Court Recorder and practising Queen’s Counsel, I believe working with him will be very enriching and widen my horizons tremendously.

Striving to achieve a balance between my LLM, Parliamentary Internship and two scholarships’ duties is a challenge as well as an exceptional and rare growth opportunity which I treasure. To me, law is a social process and an integral part of substantive political reform. Hong Kong’s future role within the ‘One Country, Two Systems’ policy is of huge importance to seven million inhabitants and to the world at large. It will be of great benefit to me to spend some time with a leader in the legal profession and politics to understand how the on – the – ground mechanisms of change are used. The opportunity to see how frameworks of change can be brought together is priceless. And I believe my home country is where such frameworks are necessary. My heart looks forward to spending some time in the UK with leaders in diverse fields and understanding the role that effective advocacy can have to generate change. To a young heart, everything is fun.

This summer intermission, I am working as an intern at a US International law firm. Having my LLM and scholarships’ activities timetables on hand now, I can start arranging my coming year’s activities. A line I read some time ago rings a bell. “The most important thing in life is to stop saying ‘I wish’ and start saying ‘I will.’ Consider nothing impossible, then treat possibilities as probabilities.”

— Charles Dickens (David Copperfield)

*Article submissions are most welcome. To share with us your interesting stories during holidays, please send in by email (hirach@hku.hk).*
Betty & Happy Retirement!

After a long service in the Law Library, Ms Betty Lam (alias Betty E) retired in June earlier this year. Betty is loved by many generations of law students. A little party was thrown by both the Law Library and the University Library. A short video was made earlier and transcribed as below:

Betty姨，謹祝生活愉快，身體健康！
Activities by The University of Hong Kong Law Alumni Association

The HKULAA website is updated with new columns including “Messages from Alumni” and “Memory Lane” Please visit www.hku.hk/law/alumni and stay tuned for more alumni activities!

The Duke of Westminster: How Graven an Idol?

by Professor Andrew Halkyard

In this lecture, Professor Halkyard shared with the audience his views on the interpretation and application of various anti-avoidance provisions in the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112), specifically sections 20, 61 and 61A. He talked about the elements of section 61A and some of the most famous cases relating to anti-avoidance law, from IRC v Duke of Westminster, Commissioner of Taxation of the Commonwealth of Australia v Spotless Services Limited, Yick Fung Estates Limited v CIR, Cheung Wah Keung v CIR to the recent Court of Final Appeal cases such as CIR v Hit Finance Ltd, CIR v Tai Hing Cotton Mill (Development) Ltd, Ngai Lik Electronics Company Limited v CIR and Shui On Credit Company Limited v CIR.

Professor Halkyard further looked at the changes in the international tax environment and discussed the trend of purposive approach in the interpretation of tax provisions. He finally talked about what was being stressed in international tax circles.

Disclosure of Price Sensitive Information – Statutory Obligation?

by Mr Brian Ho, Executive Director, Corporate Finance Division, Securities and Futures Commission Hong Kong

On 24 June 2010, Mr. Brian Ho (Executive Director, Corporate Finance Division, Securities and Futures Commission Hong Kong) gave a lecture on the proposed statutory backing to the obligation on listed corporations to disclose price sensitive information. Given that the proposal would have an impact on listed corporations, the lecture attracted a large number of participants even on a rainy evening. Participants include members of the alumni, both branches of the legal profession and law students. The lecture focused on the proposals put forward in the consultation paper including details of the proposed statutory regime, the contents of the proposed SFC guidelines, the interaction between such regime and the Listing Rules and the civil sanctions consequences.

Ms Elaine Liu, Mr Brian Ho, Ms Catherine Yip
Lung Fu Shan Nature Tour

9 May 2010

On Mother’s Day this year, a group of around 20 participants (alumni members and families) climbed the Lung Fu Shan and walked along the Pinewood Battery Heritage Trail. With two devoted tour guides from the Lung Fu Shan Environmental Education, the 2-hour walk brought not only calmness and refreshment to participants, but also knowledge and appreciation of the very precious plants, insects and birds species.

The University of Hong Kong Law Alumni Association Scholarship

31 Aug 2010

Under the fifth round of the Government Matching Grant Scheme and the Stanley Ho Alumni Challenge (SHAC) Scheme, a total donation of $1,164,130.90 was generated from donations raised earlier. This included the sum raised at the Law Alumni Reunion Dinner in November 2010. Ms. Lucy Yen, on behalf of the Association, presented the donation of $424,212.36 and $50,000 to the Faculty, and the first “University of Hong Kong Law Alumni Association Scholarship” to Ophelia Chan (LLB 3) at the LLB Opening Ceremony on 31 August 2010.

Job Interview Workshop 2010

21 Sept 2010

Over 160 students attended the Job Interview Workshop on 21 September at Rayson Huang Theatre. The workshop started with a short speech by the Dean and an entertaining short play (written by Ms Cissy Leung). It demonstrated some common mistakes of interviewees and was well received by the audience with excellent performances from 3 alumni, Ms Wendy Chan, Ms Elaine Liu, and Mr Tommy Liu. The play was followed by an informative presentation of Dos and Don’ts at interviews presented by Ms Cissy Leung. 3 current law students (Cathy Wong (LLB 3), Danny Lee (Gov’t & Law 5) and Alison Leung (BBA (Law) 4)) were invited to mock interviews on stage, conducted by two mock interviewers HH Judge Minnie Chan and Ms Clara Wong whose challenging and thought-provoking questions surely kept the interviewees on their toes.

Interviewees and our guest interviewers/speakers. (From the left, front row: Ms Cissy Lam, H H Judge Minnie Chan, and Ms Clara Wong)
Law School Admissions Becoming Ever More Competitive: 2010 - 2011 Undergraduate Admissions Statistics

Performance in languages and A-Level exam of our students continues to be the strongest amongst our competitors. We set out below the average scores of JUPAS Applicants Admitted to HKU in 2010:

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Notes: Conversion of HKALE/ HKCEE grades into scores: Grade A = 5, B = 4, C = 3, D = 2, E = 1, Others = 0.

EAS Admissions 拔尖計劃

This year, we continued to sweep the largest number of EAS students. Among over 90 applications, we have admitted 25 students and their HKCEE results are as follows:

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Mr Grenville Cross appointed as Honorary Professor of the HKU Faculty of Law

In addition to the former Chief Justice, the Faculty is also honoured to have Mr Grenville Cross, former Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) as our Honorary Professor. His appointment commenced on September 1, 2010.

Mr Grenville Cross SBS, QC, SC was called to the Bar of England and Wales by the Middle Temple in 1974, and was admitted to the Bar of Hong Kong in 1981. He joined the Attorney General’s Chambers (now the Department of Justice) of Hong Kong in 1978 and was appointed Queen’s Counsel at the age of 38. He was the youngest prosecutor to have taken silk in Hong Kong, a distinction that he retains. He was appointed DPP in 1997 and held this post for 12 years, until 2009. His vast experience in criminal law and sentencing is providing much enlightenment to our students.